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SUB: BLACK SCHOOL BOYCOTT BEGINS TO WEAKEN

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1. ACCORDING PRESS REPORTS, SOME 500 OUT OF THE 3,000 BLACK HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN THE PENINSULA'S BLACK TOWNSHIPS ATTENDED SCHOOL TODAY (JANAURY 13) AT THE FOUR SECONDARY SCHOOLS. THIS FOLLOWED REPORTS THAT SOME 200 STUDENTS HAD ATTENDED ONE OF THE HIGH SCHOOLS YESTERDAY(JANUARY 12). THE PRESS WAS REPORTEDLY ASKED TO WITHHOLD THE NAME OF THE SCHOOL OUT OF FEAR OF REPRISALS ATTACKS.

2. A GROUP OF THIRTY STUDENTS MET CAPE BANTU EDUCATION DIRECTOR, D. OWENS, AT FEZEKA HIGH SCHOOL IN GUGULETU YESTERDAY AND PRESENTED LIST OF DEMANDS TO BE MET BEFORE THEY AGREE TO RETURN. THESE INCLUDED ASSURANCES: A) THAT PUPILS DETAINED IN POLICE RAIDS WOULD BE PERMITTED CONTINUE STUDY WHILE INDETENTION AND TAKE SPECIAL EXAMS ON FEBRUARY 14; B) THAT EXAMS SET FOR FEBRUARY 14 WOULD BE OF SIMILAR STANDARD TO THOSE WHICH HAD BEEN SCHEDULED LAST NOVEMBER;
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AND C) THAT RIOT POLICE WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH MASS MEETING OF STUDENTS PLANNED FOR JANUARY 14. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS TO REPORT OWEN'S RESPONSE AT YESTERDAY'S MEETING AND TO SELECT REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL FOUR HIGH SCHOOLS TO MEET WITH OWENS ON MONDAY, JANUARY 17, TO INFORM HIM OF STUDENT'S DECISION ON WHETHER TO RETURN TO NORMAL SCHOOLING. STUDENTS

REPORTEDLY INSISTED THAT ANY RETURN TO SCHOOL SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN AS INDICATION THAT THEY HAD FORGOTTEN THEIR GRIEVANCES OR ABANDONED ULTIMATE AIM OF REPLACING "BANTU" EDUCATION WITH "UNIVERSAL" EDUCATION WHICH WOULD PROVIDE SAME CONDITIONS FOR BLACKS AND WHITES. ATTENDANCE AT PRIMARY SCHOOLS AGAIN IMPROVED AFTER DECLINE FOLLOWING JANUARY 10 ARSON ATTACKS AND WAS SAID TO BE AVERAGING ABOUT 80 PERCENT.

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